



Hermosa Beach City Manager's Office City Council Meeting Recap 1.14.20

A brief recap of important items discussed during the January 14, 2020 City Council meeting is provided below:

January 14, 2020 ([Meeting Agenda](#))

Announcements:

1. A free document shredding event will be held on Saturday, 1/18/20 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot allowing residents to watch as their documents are shredded.
2. The Household Hazardous Waste collection will be held at Clark Stadium on Saturday, 1/18/20 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
3. City Offices will be closed on Monday, 1/20/20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.
4. The Homeless Count will be held on Wednesday, 1/22/20 at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers. To volunteer for the Homeless Count, please visit [homeless services](#) on the city website.
5. The Community-wide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, 1/25/20. This event includes coordinated garage sales held throughout the community from 7 a.m. – 12 noon along with a donation center at the City Hall parking lot from 12 noon – 4 p.m. to donate items.

Local Contest Winners of the Los Angeles County Public Library 2019 Children's Bookmark Contest – City Council recognized four youth residents who won the Los Angeles County Public Library 2019 Children's bookmark contest. K – 2nd grade winner: Ruby Mundell, 3rd – 5th grade winner: Hugh Saetia 6th – 8th grade winner: Isla Mundell, 9th – 12th grade winner: Kevin Bolsajian



Announcement of the 10th Annual Parking Permit Art Contest Winner – Community Member Katrina Zawojski's art design was selected as the 10th annual parking permit art contest winner.

Recognizing Mike Flaherty and Steve Crecy for their Service on the Veterans Memorial Committee – City Council recognized Mike Flaherty and Steve Crecy for their ongoing support and dedication to the Veterans Memorial Committee. They have been involved with the Committee since it's inception 27 years ago.





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City Manager's Update:

New Hires: The City of Hermosa Beach has welcomed three new employees to the city: Gloria Ledezma joined the Public Works team as the administrative assistant on December 9, 2019. John Mendenhall joined the Hermosa Beach Police Department as a lateral employee on December 16, 2019. Interim Chief of Police Michael McCrary joined the Hermosa Beach Police Department on December 30, 2019 on temporary assignment until a new police chief is hired. **Recruitment update:** For the Chief of Police position, the City received 38 applications and will be screening the top 13 applicants. 43 applications were received for the City Clerk position and the city will screen the top 15 applicants. For the deputy city clerk position, the City received 34 applications and will be screening the top 16 applicants. **Current Job Opportunities:** There are two new job postings which were made available to the public this week: Management analyst and public works superintendent. Please visit the [job opportunities](#) on the City website to get additional information.

Hermosa Beach Police Officers Association Contract Negotiations – Mayor Campbell and City Manager Suja Lowenthal provided an update on the status of the City's contract negotiations with the HBPOA and noted that the City has posted [answers to frequently asked questions on its website](#). Council heard from 24 speakers during public participation, including current and former HBPD officers, community members, business owners and current/former staff from other law enforcement agencies.

Consent Items:

- **Request to Approve Temporary Employment Agreement for Interim Police Chief Services** – City Council approved the temporary employment contract for Interim Police Chief Michael McCrary for four to six months of employment until a new permanent Chief of Police is selected.

Consent Ordinances:

- **Ordinance No. 20-1402 An ordinance of the City of Hermosa beach Establishing the position of Appointed City Clerk in light of the Passage of City Measure CC and Establishing the City Manager as Appointing Authority for the City Clerk** – Council waived full reading and adopted Ordinance No. 20-1402 establishing an appointed City Clerk as a result of the passage of Measure CC and providing the City manager with the authority to appoint the City Clerk.

Public Hearing:

Consideration of a Municipal Code Amendment related to regulations for accessory dwelling units (ADU) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADU), as Mandated by State Law, And Determination that the Amendments is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – Council approved an ordinance incorporating regulations pertaining to accessory dwelling units (ADU) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADU) as mandated by state law.

Text Amendment 20-1, Consideration of an Amendment to Chapter 5.78 "Tobacco Retailers" of Title 5 of the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code to Prohibit Issuance of New Tobacco Retailer Licenses and the Sale of Electronic Smoking Devices and Determination that the Amendment is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – Council continued this hearing to the January 28 regularly scheduled City Council meeting to allow staff additional time to conduct outreach to all



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tobacco retailers including a workshop with the retailers and notice regarding the upcoming item on the council agenda.

Municipal Matters:

Approval of the Parks, Recreation and Community Resources Advisory Commission's Recommended Special Event Long-Term Agreement policy for a Three-Year Pilot Program; And Affirm the Commission's Review of the Policy in Two Years – Council approved the recommended three-year special event long-term agreement policy pilot program and directed the Parks, Recreation and Community Resources Advisory Commission to review and provide an update on the policy to Council in two year's prior to entering the third and final year of the pilot program. In addition, Council directed staff to include Pets in the Park and Pumpkins in the Park as part of the agreement process. Spyder Surf Fest, Hearts of Hermosa and AVP agreements will be managed administratively by staff. Staff will continue to work with the Best Day foundation to host their events in Hermosa Beach.

Brown Act Demands Filed by Ken Hartley and Justin Ledden Pertaining to Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore – Council rescinded their vote taken on November 21, 2019 to appoint Councilmember Mary Campbell as the Mayor. Council accepted nominations for Mayor in which Councilmember Campbell was nominated and reappointed as the Mayor of Hermosa Beach.

Miscellaneous Items & Other Matters:

- **Councilmember Fangary Reports on his Attendance at the California Contract cities Association (CCCA) Sacramento Legislative Tour from January 6 – 8, 2020** – Councilmember Fangary stated that tour was an opportunity to share the legislative platform put together by the CCCA legislative committee focusing on housing/land use development, homelessness, community choice aggregation, public safety and water. Councilmember Fangary stated SB50 should be continually monitored.
- **Subcommittee / Delegate Updates** – The Fire Station Construction subcommittee, composed of Mayor Campbell, and Mayor Pro Tem Massey, met to discuss the construction timeline and potentially developing a public safety resiliency microgrid project.
- **Tentative Future Agenda Items** – None.

Adjournment:

The Mayor adjourned the meeting in honor of two community members with long standing history and service to the community. Ken Marks, a Vietnam Veteran passed away in November 2019 a few days before the 25th anniversary ceremony of the Veteran's Memorial in which he was instrumental in the creation, installation and continued support of the Veterans Memorial. Maria Furzer, co-owner of Pet Mart in Hermosa Beach passed away two days ago after a long illness. She was a valued member of the community.

THE NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 7 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020.



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